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BY FRY

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a reduction in the application fee for a
2 license to marry based upon the completion of premarital
3 counseling.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 331.605, subsection 1, paragraph g, Code
2 2015, is amended to read as follows:

3 g. (1) For Except as provided in subparagraph (2), for
4 filing an application for the license to marry, thirty-five
5 dollars, which includes payment for one certified copy of the
6 original certificate of marriage, to be issued following filing
7 of the original certificate of marriage, four dollars of which
8 shall be retained by the county pursuant to paragraph "f".

9 (2) For filing an application for a license to marry, five
10 dollars, if the applicants submit and the county registrar
11 approves the certificate of completion of premarital counseling
12 pursuant to section 595.3B, which includes payment for one
13 certified copy of the original certificate of marriage, to
14 be issued following filing of the original certificate of
15 marriage, four dollars of which shall be retained by the county
16 pursuant to paragraph "f".

17 (3) For issuing an application for an order of the district
18 court authorizing the validation of a license to marry before
19 the expiration of three days from the date of issuance of the
20 license, five dollars. The district court shall authorize the
21 early validation of a marriage license without the payment
22 of any fees imposed in this paragraph upon showing that the
23 applicant is unable to pay the fees.

24 **Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 595.3B Application — premarital**
25 **counseling.**

26 1. An application form for a marriage license shall have
27 attached a certificate form to be used by the parties to
28 document completion of premarital counseling by the parties.
29 The certificate shall be completed by the parties and signed
30 by the person who provided the premarital counseling. The
31 certificate shall require provision of all of the following
32 information:

33 *a.* The name of the person providing the premarital
34 counseling and the person's signature verifying completion of
35 the premarital counseling by the parties.

1 and specifies the persons who meet the requirements to provide
2 premarital education.